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***Possible Thematic essay question for the Unit 5 test***

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| **Theme** | **Task** |
| Religion- The world has many different belief systems. Each is distinctive, but all greatly influenced the lives of their followers and the society in which the belief system was practiced. | Choose two of empires from the unit and for each  • Explain key beliefs and or aspects of their religion  • Discuss an influence the belief system had on the lives of the people in that empire |
| Governments have affected the history and culture of nations and societies | Choose two different empires from this unit and for each  • Describe the characteristics of their government  • Discuss how the government has affected the history the empire in either positive or negative ways |
| Economics has always had a tremendous impact on society. The effects have been both positive and negative. | Identify two different empires from this unit and for each  \* How did the economic system impact the empires history  \* Discuss 2 positive effect or negative effects of the economic system on the society |
| Culture has a tremendous impact on the way different groups function and interact. | Choose 2 empires from this unit and for each  \* Describe how the culture affects the development and growth of the society  \* Explain how cultural diffusion had positive effect on the society |
| Turning points are major events in history that have led to lasting change. These events and societies leave behind a legacy that creates the story of history. | Identify two different empires from this unit and for each  • Describe the historical circumstances (what makes their society unique) surrounding the society  • Explain how each society changed the course of history (either for their region or the world) |

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Theme: Government

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| Governments have affected the history and culture of nations and societies. |

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| Choose two different empires from this unit and for each  • Describe the characteristics of their government  • Discuss how the government has affected the history the empire in either positive or negative ways |

Possible topics include the Byzantine Empire, the Mongol Empire, Feudal Japan and West African Kingdoms.

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Theme: Economics

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| Economics has always had a tremendous impact on society. The effects have been both positive and negative. |

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| Identify two different empires from this unit and for each  \* How did the economic system impact the empires history  \* Discuss 2 positive effect or negative effects of the economic system on the society |

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Theme: Legacy

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| Turning points are major events in history that have led to lasting change. These events and societies leave behind a legacy that creates the story of history. |

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| Identify two different empires from this unit and for each  • Describe the historical circumstances (what makes their society unique) surrounding the society  • Explain how each society changed the course of history (either for their region or the world) |

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Theme: Culture

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| Culture has a tremendous impact on the way different groups function and interact. |

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| Identify two different empires from this unit and for each  • Describe the historical circumstances (what makes their society unique) surrounding the society  • Explain how each society changed the course of history (either for their region or the world) |

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